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In re Application of :
Johnson, et al. :
Application No. 10/031,156 : **ON PETITION**
Filed: January 14, 2002 :
Attorney Docket No. RCA 89645 :
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
AUTOPROGRAMMING A TELEVISION
PROGRAM

This is a decision on the reconsideration petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 18, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely reply to the non-final Office action, mailed May 8, 2006, which set an extendable three month period for reply. No extensions of time being obtained and no reply being filed, the application became abandoned on August 9, 2006. The filing of the present petition precedes the mailing of A Notice of Abandonment.

Applicants have submitted an amendment in reply to the May 8, 2006 non-final Office action, an acceptable statement of the unintentional nature of the delay in responding to the May 8, 2006 non-final Office action, and the petition fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

After the mailing of this decision the application will be forwarded to Technology Center G.A.U. 2622 for consideration of the amendment filed on January 18, 2007.

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